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INDICTMENT CHARGES NORWICH MAN WITH ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICERS AT NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE IN GROTON

Deirdre M. Daly, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that a federal grand jury in New Haven returned an indictment today charging GARY RAY BRUNACHE, 35, of Norwich, with assaulting two federal law enforcement officers.

The indictment alleges that, on November 13, 2014, BRUNACHE assaulted two Department of Defense Police Officers at the Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton. During the assault, BRUNACHE brandished a knife and stabbed one of the officers in the leg. BRUNACHE is charged with two counts of assaulting a federal officer. If convicted, he faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years for each count.

BRUNACHE has been detained since his arrest on November 13.

U.S. Attorney Daly stressed that an indictment is not evidence of guilt. Charges are only allegations, and each defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is being investigated by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Connecticut State Police, Town of Groton Police Department and Norwich Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gabriel J. Vidoni.